

August 29, 2005

Dear Interested Public:

The Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) in cooperation with the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (DFW) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Division of Water Supply Protection and Bureau of Forest Fire Control and Forestry invites you to attend and participate in the following upcoming open public meetings. Topics of discussion include the proposed large-scale forest reserve system, and draft Resource Management Plans for DCR's Central Berkshire Region and DFW's Berkshire Highlands Forest Management Zone.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Sept. 14	6:30 p.m.	Berkshire South Regional Community Center, Great Barrington	Mt. Washington State Forest and Otis Reservoir: Forest Reserves
Sept. 20	6:30 p.m.	Myles Standish State Forest, Regional Office The Barn	Myles Standish State Forest: Forest Reserve
Sept. 28	6:30 p.m.	Rutland Public Library Rte 122A, Rutland Center	Ware River Watershed Reservation: Forest Reserve
Sept. 29	6:30 p.m.	Pittsfield Regional Office, Route 7	Draft Resource Management Plans for the DCR Central Berkshire Region and the DFW Berkshire Highlands Forest Management Zone, including the Chalet, Middlefield, Bliss, and Westhampton Forest Reserves

The purpose of these open public meetings is to share information, answer your questions, and listen to what you like about the proposals and your ideas for improvement.

Please check the EOEA, DFW, and DCR web sites for specific information pertaining to the meetings including information about the proposed Forest Reserve system and the draft Resource Management Plans.

Please contact Christy Edwards at (617) 626-1151 if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Bob O'Connor
Director
Office of Land and Forest Conservation Services

DIRECTIONS

BERKSHIRE SOUTH REGIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER, GREAT BARRINGTON

From the Massachusetts Turnpike: Take Exit #2 off the Mass Turnpike and follow Route 102 toward Stockbridge. At the intersection of Route 102 & Route 7, take Route 7 South towards Gt. Barrington. You will pass the intersection to Route 183 on your right. After you pass Jennifer House Commons on your left, make your first left turn onto Crissey Road. Berkshire South is located at the end of Crissey Road.

From the intersection of Route 7 & Route 23 and points south: Take Route 7 north through the town of Gt. Barrington. Crissey Road is the first right hand turn after the light at the Price Chopper Shopping Center. Berkshire South is located at the end of Crissey Road.

From Route 22: At the intersection of Routes 22 & 23, turn onto Route 23 east. Proceed east on Route 23 passing Catamount Ski area and the town of South Egremont until you reach the intersection of Route 23 and Route 7. Turn left on Route 7 north and follow the directions above.

MYLES STANDISH STATE FOREST REGIONAL OFFICE, PLYMOUTH

From the North: Take Rte. 3 south to exit 5, turn right onto Long Pond Rd. (west) and continue for about 3 miles to the forest entrance on the right.

Once in the State Forest, follow signs to the Regional Headquarters. The meeting will be in "The Barn," the second brown building on the right. Parking available in the Regional Office parking lot on the left across from The Barn.

From Rte. 495: Take Rte. 495 to exit 2 (South Carver) and the intersection with Rte. 58. Take Rte. 58 north on Cranberry Rd., follow signs to the forest entrance.

From Southeast: Rte.3 north to exit#3. Left off of ramp. Right onto Long Pond Rd, 2 miles to the forest entrance.

RUTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

From the East: Take I – 495 to I- 290 West, take exit in Worcester onto I- 190 North. Follow directions below.

From the West: Exit Mass Pike in Auburn onto I-290, follow I-290 through Worcester onto I-190 North. Follow directions below.

LEAVE I-190 NORTH via Exit 2 (Ararat Street – Holden – Greendale). Norton Company will be on your right. Go straight through the set of lights on the long exit ramp. Take a left at the second set of lights at the end of the exit ramp onto West Mountain Street. Proceed up the hill for approximately 1.3 miles. At the end of West Mountain Street, take a left at the lights onto Shrewsbury Street. You will go by Mountview School (A brick structure with a long driveway

and a gate in the courtyard). Go straight through an intersection with Chaffins Congregational Church on your left.

After .8 mile, bear right at the lights onto Main Street (Route 122A). The brick State Police Barracks and then McDonald's will be on your right. Stay on Rt. 122A all the way through Holden and into the center of Rutland. Take a right on to Rt. 56N then turn immediately to the left (in front of the church), this is about 5 ft. from the intersection. The library is on the right after the second church.

From the North: Take I-495 to exit 29B – Route 2 West, Leominster – Fitchburg. Take exit marked, “Route I-190 – Worcester” (after approx. 10-12 miles on Rt. 2). Take Exit 5, Route 140 – W. Boylston/Mount Wachusett Bear right at the end of the ramp. You will be on Route 140. Go straight approximately 2/10s of a mile until you come to a yellow blinking light. Take a left onto Legg Road, which is an access road. Go to the end and take a right onto Manning Street. You are now in Holden. Go approximately 2 miles on Manning until the road ends. Take a left onto Wachusett Street – Route 31 South. Stay on that (approx. 2 mi.) until you reach the center of Holden and are at the intersection of Routes 31 and 122A. Take a right at the intersection (the Congregational Church is on your right) and continue on 122A through Holden into the center of Rutland. Take a right on to Rt. 56N then turn immediately to the left (in front of the church), this is about 5 ft. from the intersection. The library is on the right after the second church.

There is parking on the side of the church, in front AND in back of the library.

DCR PITTSFIELD REGIONAL OFFICE

From the Mass Turnpike (Exit 2) in Lee: Take Rte 20 through downtown Lee and continue north joining with Rte 7 in Lenox. Stay on Rtes 7 and 20 through Lenox. After passing the Lenox/Pittsfield town line, go through 2 intersections with traffic lights (one at Dan Fox Drive, the second at an industrial park) Just beyond the 2nd intersection, there will be a sign that says DCR Regional Headquarters on the left and a roadway. Take this left to the DCR Region 5 Headquarters. If you pass a golf course, you have gone too far.